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presence of England there is, however, not pleasant to the Russians, but they must be left to digest the pill as best they can. Possibly they may find some consolation should it turn out, as we think may very probably be the case, that the British occupation of the islands leads to a development of the Vladivostok trade. Port Hamilton is so situated at the converging point of the sea routes between the various trading ports in the North—China, Japan, and Russia—that it can hardly fail to become a place of trade itself and a port of call. Vladivostok would of course have its share, whatever that might be, if the benefit of any increased commercial movement the establishment of the new station may bring about—and wherever the English flag is hoisted increased commercial movement invariably follows.

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The delivery of the French mail was begun at 10.45 on Saturday morning.

The French corvette *Duguay-Trouin*, Captain Pasquoy, from Pondichere 18th instapt, arrived here on Saturday.

The M. M. steamer *Ozma* left for Shanghai yesterday morning, the first French mail steamer to have sailed from this port for nearly twelve months past. The *Saghatien* is advertised to sail for that port to-day.

The Chinese Revenue cruisers, gunboats, and several foreign merchant vessels at Amoy were yesterday decorated with flags on the 23d of the month, in recognition of the peace being signed between France and China.

The U. S. S. *Moweequa*, Commander Higginson, with His Excellency E. J. Smithers, Acting United States Minister to China, and Mr. J. M. Cheslie on board, arrived at Amoy last night, and will leave for Shanghai.

A case of attempted suicide occurred on board the Dutch barkette *Princess Wilhelmine* in the harbour yesterday afternoon. The master, Capt. Muller, sat himself in the breast with a rifle, but failed to have the weapon go off, and, finding that he had not hit himself the body so as to penetrate any vital part, but has only wounded him in such a manner that it is expected he will recover. Capt. Muller is said to have been in a temporary state of mental aberration at the time.

The latest mail advices received here were:—  
Theobro March 24th, Manila 24th; Shanghai  
25th; Hongkong 26th; Singapore 27th; London  
28th; and San Francisco, April 2nd, Singa-  
pore 6th. The P. & O. mail via Brindisi, with  
the advices dated as above, from China and the  
East Indies, was received here on the 10th  
of this inst, one day in advance of its due date.  
The advices from Japan were received, via San  
Francisco this day. The next inward French  
mail, the *Normandie*, which sailed from Havre  
d'Orleans 24th, Longford 7th April, was landed at Naples  
on the 10th inst, and will reach London this  
morning, three days in advance of its due date.

The screw-steamer *Haiphong*, which has been  
built and engined by Messrs. Wigham, Parsons  
& Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is owned by the  
Douglas Steamship Company of Hongkong,  
has had her trial trip. She is a spar-deck vessel,  
and is fitted to carry 1,000 passengers, and 1,000  
tonnage, and 1,000 emigrants, and is fitted for  
a large cargo on deck. The engines have  
two cylinders 36in. and 40in. bore, and 20ft.  
stroke, and are worked by a single screw. The  
steamer is fitted with steam steering gear, win-  
ches, and all the latest improvements for rapid  
and safe navigation. The *Haiphong* has been  
employed on several voyages for a series of  
years, and the measured mile of Whitby, when a  
run of 121 knots was obtained. During

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ity of silt has poured out of the drain apertures itself behind Peddie's Wharf, that the Surveyor-General's department has now busy time in clearing away those lands as there are many hundreds of tons of debris and mud. Dredge and water courses are being prepared and cleared of the silt and which block them, and all over the greatest havoc has been effected and the water is being cleared. It is reported that a landslide on the river-road had rendered it impassable for the boats. The retaining wall of bridge at the wharf has been undermined and it has been reported that the boats are being cleared from every district. The harbour several vessels had their rigging and masts broken. The rain was very much heavier to have been bridged. The rain fell from 10 a.m. on Friday to the morning the night has been registered as much.

ANON thought the entrance fee not entirely proposed were ridiculously high, and he suggested that it would be better to limit the number of members, and in that way would not go on upon such a basis of opinion that they should be reduced; and said that if they did so they would have ample number of members to provide pensions enough for the annual expenses, and the guarantee fund he had suggested would get quite as much interest as they require or the preliminary expenses.

ANON thought it would be better to start at a low figure, and then if they found it would be too small, they could increase their figure it would cause discommodities those who had paid at the higher rate.

ARMAN thought Mr. Logg's idea was all right, but they would have a number of members that no one would get any shooting.

ARMAN, after some further conversation, proposed that they start at \$20 and \$25, and let them subscribe \$12, and life membership more than \$100.

The meeting, however, was not in favour of changing the entrance fee, and he thought they had all the other matters voted on, and the original proposition stood, and was subsequently decided, as it would be very heavy work to change it, and that year shall commence on the 1st day January of the first October, and the entrance

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**DEATH**  
On the 13th June, at "The Yalls," Peak of Typhoid fever, May, the dearly loved wife of H. LORRIS DAVIES, Esq., aged 21 years. [116]

will be held this month on the 23rd inst.

It is notified in the Gazette that His Excellency the Governor has given his assent in the name and on behalf of the Queen to the Preservation of Wild Birds and Game Ordinance.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) that the Union Liner steamer Timor, from London, left Singapore for this port on Friday.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Ajiz, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 10th instant, and is due here on the 16th instant.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer Albatross, from San Francisco, for this port on Friday morning, and may be expected to arrive on the 21st instant.

Friday evening, the performance of the Parses theatrical company at the City Hall can hardly have been a success financially speaking. Despite the war of the elements raging at the time, however, about 500 people found their way to the theatre. The Parsis' musical comedy was well-represented at the entertainment, but we understand the spectacle on the stage was a striking and interesting one. As the company notwithstanding the war of the elements, was not overjoying in public well shall have an opportunity of witnessing this novel form of entertainment.

The *Suqmanas* of the 7th instant says—*Y*—was rumoured in Saigon, yesterday that on the arrival of General de Corps at Haiphong, M. de Camille, Minister Plenipotentiary and Resident-General for France in Annam, received proposals to return to France, that M. de Camille, however, declined the offer, and that the Resident said that the Commandant-in-chief of

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of thunder occurred. This was immediately followed by a shock, and the ejection of a quantity of soot and rubbish from the very right across the room in which Mr. Mordred was sitting, and a strong smell of powder in the house. The youngest boy affirmed he saw what appeared to be a large quantity of fire pass swiftly down one side of the wall and disappear through the floor. They ran to the door, and the door was open, and immediately after the butler came up and said he had thrown down in the basement by a shock which struck the wall near which he was standing, which broke away a considerable amount of brickwork, and scattered the *divers* about the room. Directly after this, a quantity of steam was coming in through the roof in quantities, and though a large bath tub and all kinds of preceivable vessels were brought in use to catch the water, they could

The Secretary briefly explained the details of the administration of affairs then existing. He stated that the Government was going to give the natives an exclusive right to a certain part of the island to shoot over, and he pointed out the boundaries of the game reserve. There would also be a provision for small licence for shooting. The part of the island which would be set apart for the Americans would, roughly speaking, have its western boundary at the game reserve. The other end of the boundary he was not exactly able to place, but he believed they had the exclusive right of shooting over about better than half the island, and certainly enough to show that the Government was serious in its intention to grant rights to the natives. The Committee went through several questions and the Secretary promised to ascertain what the cost would be of

On 30th June 1880, Mr. O'Connell, at this stage private room, and after apologizing for his absence on the ground of official duties, he took the air and explained that the Government was not able to grant the Club what they wanted, but that he would have practically no effect, as his learned friend the Attorney would tell them. As far as he was concerned, there was only one difficulty they had and that was with regard to the grass. The Surveyor of the County told him that the grass these people cut, was all that had been of the people in this colony had to support for a long time. Of course if these people were to have liberty to cut grass all over the place, it would be a great deal for the Government, and the question was whether they could not be content if certain private villages were set apart for them to cut grass in. He had consulted the Attorney.

The Daily Press.

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• HONGKONG, JUNE 15TH, 1885.

Lady Brassey loses most valuable specimens of Japanese art by the fire at Humphreys' Hall, as she had kindly lent a very fine collection, and there is no hope of any being saved. Though well insured, the loss is irreparable, from the interest attaching to many of the articles, which were presented to Lady Brassey when she visited

relations with the Court of Huế. The Minister for Foreign Affairs would then have no concern with Indo-China, but would pass on the affairs of that country to the War Office. This is the eleventh or twelfth reorganisation of the political and administrative powers in Annam and Tonquin.

the Atlantic shore is, it is expected that a large portion of the grain from those territories will pass westward; while large quantities of lumber, fish, fruit, and minerals of this province go eastward. The line of the railway from north-west end of Lake Superior is from twenty to thirty miles north of the boundary

through fell in, and altogether a most unpleasant night was spent. Investigations made frequently showed that the large chimney of the house, which had no lightning conductor, had been struck by lightning, which cut through it continually, and completely wrecked it, and then fell in a large piece of the roof. Inside the

the cost of putting 2,000 head of game on land, including the cost of erecting covers, and breeding establishments, would be \$1,630 and \$1,700. The breeding establishments would be required on account of the season and other difficulties in the way of breeding. In a place like Hongkong, where the

thing he (General Cameron) wished to do was the idea of making a deer H. B. the Grivner had spoken to him about, and it was quite certain that if he going to shoot deer with rifles, the Government would want to make two

At the date the last mail left very little appeared to be generally known at home about the occupation of Port Hamilton. The *Pall Mall Gazette* states positively :—" We have not seized Port Hamilton, and now that peace is secured, we shall not seize it. But it is our position to forestall the Russians in occupying the Vladivostok." The place may not have been " seized " in the ordinary sense of the term, but it has certainly been occupied, and that it may as fully be predicted that it will never be given up. Having once occupied the place, to withdraw would be the height of madness. We have, opened the eyes of Russia to its value, and she would not so readily seize the first favourable moment to step in after England had evacuated it. The tone of the Russian press sufficiently indicates this. The *Daily News*, as well as others, as the *Pall Mall Gazette*, contradicted the statement that Port Hamilton had been occupied, and this being telegraphed to St. Petersburg caused " great satisfaction." The *Moscow Gazette*, discussing the question, says :—" We must thank the English for having put in hostile hands. It is Russia's business now to take decisive measures to prevent the possibility of our being shut up in the Japanese Sea by any one, as we now are in the Black Sea. The islands of the Korean Straits in the hands of any other Power will always constitute a threat addressed to Russia." Port Hamilton is, however, unmistakably in England's hands, a telegraph

It is notified in the *Gazette* that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant to the Hon. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G., two months' vacation leave and ten months' leave of absence on half salary, from the 1st of January to Mr. M.'s departure. The Hon. F. Stewart has been appointed Acting Colonial Secretary and Acting Auditor General, and Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart Acting Registrar-General.

General Bégin, the new Commander-in-chief of the French military forces in Coshin China, was a passenger to Saigon by the M. M. Co.'s mail steamer *Sepakong*. General Bégin came to Saigon on the 10th of November, and he afterwards, where he took the branch steamer to Pondicherry in order to inspect the forests there, and then went on to the other French possessions in India on the same mission.

On Friday night, the 29th May, a Municipal Counciler shot a tiger at Singapore near the main road, between the 11th and 12th miles. The tiger was a large one, and next morning brought the carcass in to the Sepoy Lines station to claim the Government reward of \$50. It is said the tiger had three cubs with her, one cubsed, and the other two were killed. The tiger was measured about 7 feet from tip to tip—*Strait Times*.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant four months' vacation leave to Mr. J. S. Beaver, Government Marine Surveyer and Assistant Superintendent and Engineer of the Fire Brigade, and that Mr. J. S. Beaver (Assistant and Government Surveyor) has been appointed Acting Government Marine Surveyer and Acting Assistant Superintendent and Engineer of the Fire Brigade.

There appears to have been a touch-says the *Strait Times* in the laws that Sir Wm. Robinson, Governor of the Windward Islands, was about to appoint to the Straits. That gentleman has been appointed Governor of the Island of Barbados and its dependencies, which have been created a separate colony, and Frederick J. Wald returned to the Straits Settlements to complete his term of Government.

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stealing in all directions. They must stalk parties to go together. His  
however, that a deer forest would be a great danger, and it would be as well to get rid of that part of the idea, and stick to game.  
D'ARNT explained that a separate dis-  
died parts of the island, a partridge shoot  
would be in an entirely different part.  
CAMPBELL was General Cameron's  
as to deer.  
CAMPBELL said that nearly all deer shot in  
the island were killed with small arms,  
and CAMPBELL remarked on the small-  
he meeting, and asked if the feeling of  
he could not be ascertained.  
The INCHES thought the report of the INCHES  
the Committee should be printed and  
d, and then they might get opinions on  
narrative scheme.  
was come to with regard to the  
deer-stalking, and the conversation turned  
to present measures.  
D'ARNT said the breeding season was  
rapidly away; now was the best time to  
game, and he thought they should not  
present season for getting together a  
game. He explained that he had got  
a small Gamekeepers fund of £300, and  
they purchased some game.  
selection of a working committee.  
to consist of Mr. J. H. D. H. Tripp,  
Mr. W. R. K. Leigh, G. C. C. Master,  
and D'Aeth.  
CAMPBELL asked how members were  
noted. He asked if they were to be  
D'ARNT said he did not think they  
too many members.  
was also some discussion about powers of  
with regard to the deer. They thought they  
FRANCIS explained that the ground, being  
and Crown land, was held for the use  
of the public, and they could only  
people from going in pursuit of game  
soon as they had taken their deer.  
be able to keep trespassers from the  
islands.  
CAMPBELL, in answer to Lieut-

cessary buildings for a naval depot are being  
set out up. The statement of the *Pall Mall Gazette* that "if war had broken out, our  
ships were in a position to forestall the  
Russians in occupying a position which com-  
mands the exit from Vladivostok"—imply-  
ing that in view of the peaceable character of  
the negotiations then proceeding it is at least  
not necessary to proceed—it is as natural  
as most of the same paper's utterances on  
the Russian question. The imminence of  
war with Russia being clearly into view  
the supreme necessity of a coaling station  
in the north for the British fleet, and  
to forego or delay the acquisition of such a  
station simply because war had been started or  
the time, to wait so long for another crisis,  
when it might be too late, would have been  
the height of absurdity. One such has been  
terribly brought home to the British people  
with reference to the naval and military forces  
and the fortification of the coaling stations, and  
that is that they must be maintained in a  
constant state of preparedness. Especially  
this so, seeing that the settlement with  
Russia must be looked upon merely as of a  
temporary character. *The Times* remarks:  
"The impression is growing throughout  
Europe that, although the negotiations at  
Constantinople pending between England and Russia  
will probably lead for the time to the im-  
mediate peace, the 'reprieve' as it has been  
called, will not long defer the evil day." On  
6th May, although peace was then  
believed to be practically secure, orders  
were given to all the responsible officials con-  
cerned in the special preparations to be in no

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to prove the ground by a small expenditure of one pump, and it is only operations on a very large scale indeed, something I fancy as yet untried and for which the character of the soil is not known. It is not possible to support a numerous highly paid European staff and a quantity of powerful machinery and still leave a fair margin for dividends. The Reverend Mr. J. H. Jentzen-Wood has, I believe, publicly, and in the presence of the Government, been lecturing in Dyak a success, but, whether he is so or not, it is perhaps a little early to come to a conclusion, and there are practical prospects others now in the State who do not see eye with this opinion.

A writer in the *Strait Times*, speaking of the late Government, says they had neglected Singapore to co-operate with it to the best direct telegraphic communication to that important Colony, and they wonder if it is possible or practicable to have the proposed line of telegraphic communication, which is a project they cannot offer, for the simple reason that they have none to spare; but they also add all give it their outmost, which would be something. They would point out that the difficulty is not that they have no money, but that the whole island is only some three or four hundred miles, and that were their island taken into consideration, the Government at home would, they are inclined to think, take a greater interest in it, and they are understood to have been refused by British Borneo Company and the Government of the Kingdom of Sarawak, to which the new line would be of great benefit—at least they are inclined to think so.

It is not surprising that the Sabah-Sarawak contention should be raised in Sultanate of Brunei, might, after it had been discussed up to the new way of things, also represent the business, but it would not for the present appear there being a detour, an ignoramus, and like some of our own noblemen at one time, never been able in his life to pen a line—so some of his outspoken Panagers—some of them are of the opinion that the Government of the "roten state of Denmark," and play pranks in the wire, much to the annoyance of the foreign Office and the general public, as well as

the contractor may be fixed by the Chancellor. The lines must be opened within twelve months after the date of the award. The net earnings of the lines exceed certain average earnings of the lines owned or leased by the Chancellor is entitled either to lessen the tonnage, or to increase the voyages of the service. The tenders must not be made for more than 10 years. All the services must be put in force by the 15th inst. In the event, the Chancellor being entitled to decide thereon. Relieving cargo for German co-far, munition, provisions and all supplies must be carried free of charge. The tonnage must be carried at a reduced rate. It is clearly visible that a subsidy of barely £200,000 is quite insufficient in comparison with the conditions laid down. But the Chancellor is not to be deceived. The tender must comprise all the lines excluded from the competition. The world's largest steamship line, the Hamburg-American, alone in possession of a sufficient number of tonnage to command the running lines between Australia and New Zealand. On April 28, 1894, demanded a sum of £1,000,000 from the shareholders, which was not granted, and will be raised forthwith by the issue of new shares. The directors of the Australian Line and Mr. Macpherson, of the Australian Line, intend also to tender for the service, but the general feeling is that the matter is decided.

collapsed at once, and four men were killed in the ruins. It is fortunate, considering the number of men there are living in the neighborhood, that they were not all killed, but that they were nearly all at the front of the camp. Information was sent to No. 2 on the disaster and Inspector Swanton, Mr. McKay, and some police arrived promptly to get the bodies out. They were unable to get a gang of coolies to clear the rubbish and get out the buried men, but it was a long time before any Chinamen could be got to stir a hand in the matter. It was necessary to employ men of much difficulty the unfortunate men got out. Two were taken out alive, but they then was badly injured, and the other two were dead when they were rescued. The injured men were taken to the Civil Hospital where he is now under treatment.

During the night there was another avalanche from the mountain, and a large number of Wong-nei-chong road which quite blocked the road to the village of Kooi and to the village of Yung. It was necessary to clear away one of the gate posts a part of the surrounding the premises from the road. The keeper was so alarmed by the shock that he ran out of his back window, thinking his life was in danger. He was not hurt, but he was nearly to a considerable height, right across the road to the Normal School, and did some slight to go to the palisading of that building, and he stood the road up with many tons of earth. The great trees have been sacrificed in these lands.

At this district Robinson road seems to have suffered the most, and a large amount of property has been done to Sienloehue there. The road has been determined in many places, and has come down into the road together with a part of the coolhouses, servants' quarters, and the main court quite blocking it in many places. It is necessary to clear away the road by many channels it cut for itself, and to clear away the New Garden has cut the road up, while the upper terrace, which was built on the top of the mountain, has been cut on to the terraces, or flower beds below. The stream from Sienloehue also broke through the wall of the garden.

...he shooting members.  
D'ARCY said there were 60, of whom  
...the members.  
FRANCIS said if that was so they would  
get about 30 or 40 shooting members  
Club out of 100 members.  
FRANCIS thought the number of members  
...be limited.  
FRANCIS said his idea of raising a  
... that it should be a minimum, not  
...  
...he had spoken privately to  
...ing about a guarantee fund. He  
... there would be no difficulty in getting  
... thus, as he thought he would have no  
... by paying ten gentlemen who would  
... in raising their \$300 each. This could  
... club, a capital in hand for preliminary  
...  
... some detailed conversation on the  
... the subject was dropped, the idea ap-  
... ...ing for the first time, and the  
... rules given below, by the provision as  
... memberships on consideration of the pay-  
... sum of not less than \$100 each.  
... shooting then arose as to the name the  
...  
... D'ARCY was in favour of having it  
... he Hongkong Gun Club, being intend-  
... absorb the present Gun Club in the as-  
... the, the members having the option of  
... ...ing on payment of the  
... the entrance fees.  
... FRANCIS pointed out that they had an  
... Gun Club already, and it was possible  
... the members of it would now be  
... ...ing. It would be well to keep it  
... quite distinct.  
... a good deal of conversation, proposals by  
... Francis and Mr. Alister were put to the vote  
... ...ing "Sporting Club."  
... later the "Gamm Association," as some  
... it thought the term "Sporting" had too  
... accept for a purely shooting club.  
... FRANCIS's proposition was, however, carried.  
... the "Sales of the Club."  
... with some alterations decided upon, were  
...  
... an association shall be called the "Hongkong  
... Club."  
... shall consist of life members, members

was not yet arranged. They, however, were to a subsequent meeting to discuss all matters.

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**"M. PINAFORE" AT THE CITY HALL.**

the largest house which has yet seen the Mascotte Opera company in this assembled at the Theatre on Saturday witnessed their performance of the above mentioned and favourite production of Gilbert and Sullivan. The house was full in every part, not being able to find sitting accommodation. The uniform of that build of England's King, the British tar, was conspicuous at the top of the Hall, and upstairs were Commander and a large number of naval officers. The opera was admirably placed upon the stage, and probably there has never been such a fine scene on the boards as on this night, with its large staff of genuine blue and white uniforms in that uniform, and of the coaches, and the sisters, and of Sir Joseph Porter. The choruses were unusually strong, and the orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. W. Smith, was again a most effective assistance, and the noble one more pressing at the piano. The performance was a whole, however, not by any means undecorated. The most successful thing the company have in this colony, though in the respects we have mentioned, it is decidedly far ahead. The second production of Gilbert and Sullivan, the opera company has performed, and on this occasion has the performance equalled in their rendering of French opera. When the Lotus Troupe were here, it was, for they shone chiefly in the presence of these competitors, which they seemed to have a special study of.

In these cases we are inclined to think that improvement might have been made in the production of the opera, which they seemed to have a special study of.

equipment of the ships contracted for as gunboats, transporters, and gunboats. If the special preparations were to be in no way restricted it is not likely that the new coal station in the north would be evacuated. If it were originally intended that the occupation should be only temporary, the movement for bringing it to a close would not arrive for months to come, in fact, until the work of the Delimitation Commission is finally completed. But we do not believe the occupation was intended to be only temporary. The necessity of such a coal station is permanent, and to withdraw from it would be to court danger in any future complications that may occur with Russia. As to the remark of the *Moscow Gazette* to the effect that England's presence at Port Hamilton will block Russia's up in the Japan Sea, this is absolutely absurd. In the event of war it would undoubtedly form, an admirable base from whence to operate against Vladivostok and the Siberian fleet, and would render it correspondingly difficult for the Russian vessels to work their way south, but it in no way closes the entrance to the Japan Sea as the possession of the Dardanelles by Turkey shuts out the Russian fleet in the Black Sea. The

The Paris Journal des Débats contains the following paragraph:—"The Chinese Government, abandoning old prejudices, is on the point of working its iron mines in a different way from that hitherto followed, by applying use of European machinery. It has, in fact, signed the lease of a large tract of land to the French Government, who are to employ Chinese workmen who are necessary to turn to account the mines already pointed out in various places. Thirty miners have accepted the advantages offered them made to them, and thirty more are to be employed. The Chinese and the Japanese are not the only nations who will know the value of what is taught them. They will know in a short time how to dig up the mineral, and then how to make use of the necessary machinery, and when they have acquired this knowledge they will try to dispose with the aid of Europeans."

There seems to be some uncertainty as to whether the *Mercury* is coming out to this station. The *Mercury* is a small steamer, built for the Chinese despatch vessel, which was hurriedly prepared and commissioned at Portsmouth for service in China. She is now at Spithead, and on Monday, the 11th inst. evening for Plymouth, where she is to be met by the sailing orders. It is not certain whether she will call at this station. The Portsmouth correspondent of the same paper, in a communication which appears on the same date, says:—"The steel despatch vessel *Mercury*, Captain Moore, which has been supplied with a powerful electric engine and dynamo after shipping her shell and powder, will proceed to the China station at once. She has undergone a series of very successful steam trials in the Solent, during which she realised over 17 knots full power, and 25.38 at two-thirds power, and close upon 30 knots at one-third power."

tion of these interested, if for nothing else in its originality. Labuan as a central telegraphic station, with lines radiating to Sandakan, Jesselton, and Kota Bharu, is the new Northern capital, to Brunei, the ancient capital, and to Serawak, the new capital of Borneo, would indubitably be an important step in the development of the island, and its cementation of what utility, however, cannot be overestimated.

The following items are from the *London and China Directory* for the 5th ult.:—

It is proposed to start a club at Hamburg composed of merchants who have been in China and who are desirous of exchanging views as to the Far East generally. An old China hand, it is organising it, and it is not likely that the club will be any difficulty in forming such a club.

Messrs. Scott & Co., of Greenock, are to construct two steel screw steamers of 1600 tons each, with engines of 2500 horse power, for the order of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of London, to be employed on the coasting trade, for the China Navigation Steamship Company.

The 2nd Batley 1st Brigade, Southern Division, Royal Artillery, recently stationed at Battersea Castle, left England for Singapore in the P. and O. steamer *Hydaspes*, which sailed on the 16th inst. from the 6th inst.

The Czar of Russia has approved an order of the Imperial Council increasing the staff of Russian representatives abroad by the creation of the following posts:—

At the Court of Affairs and Consul-General at Seoul, in Korea, of secretary to the Consul-General at that place, and of Vice-Consul at the same place.

At the same time the Imperial Council has approved the appointment of student interpreters at Peking to be increased by one.

LONDON, 12th June.  
THE NEW MINISTRY.  
Lord Salisbury has been summoned to Bal-  
nath by the Queen.

THE STORM ON FRIDAY NIGHT.  
It is many years since the colony witnessed  
a tempest, or such a downpour of rain, as  
which descended upon this island last  
evening. We have to go as far  
as 1878 before we can find anything  
approaching the deluge of water which fell  
during the night. On that occasion the  
amount of rain during the time the  
wind lasted seems to have been over greater  
on Friday, but it was not accompanied by  
anything like the electrical phenomena which  
were witnessed upon the latter occasion, nor  
we find that the damage done ashore was  
equal to what occurred on Friday night.  
We have met many persons who have had con-  
siderable experience in various quarters of the  
island, where rain falls yearly very heavily, but few  
remember to have seen anywhere such a con-  
fused and heavy fall of rain. The tempest  
began blowing about the place for hours be-  
fore it broke over us in the full fury, the thunder  
ruling and muttering now nearer, now more  
distant, but with a tendency to draw nearer on  
whole. About half past seven it seemed to  
be almost overcast, and there were some very  
crashes of thunder, accompanied by con-  
fused illumination of the fragments with

into the sewerage, and the New receiving tank at the top of Poel-street to have got choked, and overland a great deal of the dirt from the lower part of the street being transformed into a regular cess-pit for a time, and the streets were badly affected.

On the road above the main sewer leading from the road-road to Queen's-road West came in the Po Yang street in such volume that the Po Tung Hing Theatre there have seriously affected.

The retaining wall of the "Castle" in Castle was undermined, and collapsed, and the foundations of the building are exposed to view, and a slip occurred behind Richmond-terrace, forcing the servants' quarters.

Research was made in Hollywood-road near an Mo Temple which fractured the gas-pipe, and the pipe could not be repaired, was a very large escape of gas.

Considerable land slip has also occurred on the hillside below Government House, where trees have been carried away, and the road has been blocked by an immense quantity of earth.

The road was partly blocked up in several places by falls of earth, and the New Down-road it was suffered considerably more severely.

Colonel's Bay Battery has suffered somewhat the greater part of the street and the eastern side of it having given way, and the pressure of water and earth behind, the hillside down.

A immense amount of earth was carried out to harbour through the sewers, and such

Members shall be limited from time to time as they see fit. The members shall be citizens of China in the colony, and they shall pay an entrance fee, not exceeding \$30, and a yearly subscription, in advance, on the 1st October in each year.

The members shall be those members who may give evidence of \$500 net worth which shall be in hand money now and all yearly subscriptions.

Members shall be officers of the Army and Navy, and shall be allowed the same privileges as members of the Chinese Club. The members shall be elected by the Hongkong Gun Club, shall be governed by its rules, and the two shall be absorbed by one another.

Persons wishing to join the Sporting Club will be required to pay only the difference between the two clubs.

No officers of the Club shall consist of a President, and a working committee, one member of the committee being elected Secretary.

All deliberations effected were the substitution of terms "President and Vice-President," "Patron and Vice-Patron," and of the "Club Committee" in the provision for the election of members.

A conversation arose on the desirability or otherwise of making the subscriptions of value higher than those of members, in consideration of their bearing none of the preliminary expenses.

BOWMAN said it was done at the Raquet Club.

D'ALTRA, in answer to Mr. Francis's question, said the idea with regard to the Club was that it might be absorbed in this Association.

Mr. D'ALTRA said he had been asked by gentlemen joining this association would the members of the Gun Club, but it should be equal to present members of that Club, and they could pay the difference and join the Sporting Club.

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A black and white photograph showing a person standing in a vast, flat, open landscape. The person is positioned in the lower left foreground, looking out towards the horizon. The landscape is extremely flat and extends to the horizon line. The sky is bright and filled with many small, dark specks, possibly birds or distant lights. The overall scene conveys a sense of isolation and vastness.

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